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SUBJ: UNDP 19TH GOVERNING COUNCIL, ITEM 21, MEASURES TO
BE TAKEN FOLLOWING THE EARTHQUAKE IN PAKISTAN

1. UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL JANUARY 29 REQUESTED
ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS IN COOPERA-
TION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF UN SYSTEM TO ASSIST
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN IN RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILI-
TATION PROGRAMS IN NORTHERN REGIONS OF PAKISTAN
AFFECTED BY RECENT EARTHQUAKE. COUNCIL AUTHORIZED
ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE SUCH ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF
PAKISTAN'S INDICATIVE PLANNING FIGURE ALLOCATION.

2. ACTION WAS REWSPONSIBLE TO ECOSOC RES 1915 (ORG-75)
WHICH REQUESTED COUNCIL TO TAKE URGENT ACTION AT
19TH SESSION TO PROVIDE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE. DRAFT
DECISION INTRODUCED BY MALAYSIA ON BEHALF OF SOME
DOZEN COUNCIL MEMBERS WAS SUPPORTED BY 24 DELEGATIONS
SPEAKING ON MATTER AND WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. INTRODUCING ITEM, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR
ASIA COOMARASWAMY REVIEWED ASSISTANCE MEASURES
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ALREADY TAKEN, INCLUDING \$20,000 FROM UNDP PROGRAM

RESERVE AND \$20,000 FROM UN DISASTER RELIEF OFFICE PROVIDED TO UNICEF FOR TENTS, \$659,000 WORTH OF FOOD FROM WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF UN INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE. COOMARASWAMY SAID TASK FORCE AND LOCAL UN PERSONNEL WOULD PARTICIPATE IN PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF REPORT EXPECTED ABOUT FEB. 1 FROM AFFECTED NORTHERN REGIONS.

4. VARIOUS DELEGATIONS CALLED FOR ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE BY UN ORGANIZATIONS AND BILATERAL DONORS SO THAT EARTHQUAKE WOULD NOT UNDERMINE DEVELOPMENT OF REGION. PAKISTAN DEL NOTED THAT DRAFT DECISION ALLOWED ADMINISTRATOR SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO MAKE ADEQUATE RESPONSE.

5. U.S. DEL NOTED PREDOMINANCE OF U.S. RESPONSE TO PRIOR EMERGENCIES AND COMMENDED OTHER COUNTRIES (MOST NOTABLY LIBYA, SAUDI ARABIA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KUWAIT, IRAN AND ALGERIA) PLEDGING OVER \$53 MILLION TO DATE FOR PAKISTAN EMERGENCY AID. HE CALLED FOR COORDINATION WITH UNDRO AND NOTED THAT SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GOVERNMENTS WOULD ALLOW UNDP TO CONCENTRATE EXPERTISE ON MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM REHABILITATION.

6. AUTHORIZATION FOR SPENDING OUTSIDE IPF RELATED TO FACE THAT PAKISTAN IPF RELATIVELY SMALL IN VIEW OF DIVISION OF FORMER ALLOCATION BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH. UNDP ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT ASSISTANCE TO BE RENDERED CAN IN FACT BE ACCOMMODATED WITHIN IPF OR FROM EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS IN PROGRAM RESERVE.
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